(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Casualties owing to Railway interview

1969. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many casualties have occurred owing to railway interview issue very recently;

(b) why the applicants do not find free and fair atmosphere for appearing at the interview;

(c) what steps Government may deem fit to take in order to remove this fear effectively;

(d) whether any arrangement will be made so that the candidates may sit for the interview in their native State in case of All India Services;

(e) if so, from when such arrangement will be made; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No casualties have occurred owing to Railway interview issue.

(b) and (c) As far as recruitment process of Railway Recruitment Boards is concerned, interview have been done away with from the selection process in most of the categories. It is ensured that selections are conducted in a transparent, free and fair manner.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) Candidates from any part of the country are free to apply to the vacancies advertised by any of the Railways Recruitment Boards under the extant provisions laid down in the directives of Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India, which in turn are based on Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement for giving wide publicity for filling up Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts.